

**A SYSTEM FOR AGGREGATING INFORMATION
FROM ENTERPRISES OFFERING ITEMS FOR EXCHANGE
OVER A COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A network-based system for aggregating information from a plurality of
enterprises offering items for exchange over a network. In one embodiment, the system
includes a host computer and a host database. The host computer is in communication
with the enterprises over the network, and is adapted for automatedly collecting and
analyzing information about the items from enterprise databases associated with each of
10 the enterprises. The host database is in communication with the host computer and is
adapted for storing the information collected from the enterprise databases. The host
computer is also adapted for providing a host graphical user interface through which a
shopper can view, over the network, the information stored in the host database.
According to one preferred embodiment, the plurality of enterprises includes auction sites
15 offering items for purchase over the network.